Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.8 percent between February 2008 and March 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, housing (replacement cost), mortgage interest cost, and other owned accommodation expenses. Prices also rose for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), women's clothing, and food purchased from restaurants.

Moderating these increases were price decreases for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, men's clothing, fresh fruit, and footwear. Prices also fell for preserved fruit and fruit preparations, non-alcoholic beverages, and coffee and tea.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between March 2007 and March 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.3 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2007 primarily due to higher prices for housing (replacement cost), gasoline, mortgage interest cost, and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also rose for other owned accommodation expenses, food purchased from restaurants, and rent.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, natural gas, and fresh fruit. Prices also decreased for fresh vegetables, home entertainment equipment, parts and services, and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles).

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Mar. 2008	Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007 to Mar. 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	114.5	113.6	0.8	3.2
Food	111.8	111.4	0.4	0.3
Shelter	132.4	130.5	1.5	12.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.7	101.6	0.1	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	97.5	97.4	0.1	0.2
Transportation	114.3	113.1	1.1	-1.1
Health and Personal Care	105.6	105.0	0.6	1.5
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.8	102.1	0.7	0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	130.3	129.3	0.8	4.4
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.1	111.5	0.5	2.8
Energy	136.7	132.9	2.9	5.3
CANADA				
All-Items	112.6	112.2	0.4	1.4
Food	112.6	112.8	-0.2	0.4
Shelter	120.1	119.6	0.4	4.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.1	104.1	0.0	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	96.0	94.1	2.0	-1.5
Transportation	117.8	117.0	0.7	0.1
Health and Personal Care	107.9	107.7	0.2	1.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	101.3	100.8	0.5	0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.6	126.8	-0.2	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	110.2	110.0	0.2	1.0
Energy	143.2	139.4	2.7	5.4
REGINA				
All-Items	113.6	112.7	0.8	2.3
SASKATOON				
All-Items	116.0	115.0	0.9	4.8

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007 to Mar. 2008
Canada	0.4	1.4
Newfoundland	0.4	1.9
Prince Edward Island	1.0	2.2
Nova Scotia	0.5	2.3
New Brunswick	0.4	1.3
Quebec	0.3	1.2
Ontario	0.3	0.8
Manitoba	0.5	1.3
Saskatchewan	0.8	3.2
Alberta	0.7	2.9
British Columbia	0.5	1.2
Whitehorse	0.8	2.8
Yellowknife	0.9	3.2
Iqaluit	-0.2	1.4

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2007 to Mar. 2008
St. John's	0.4	2.0
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.0	2.2
Halifax	0.4	2.2
Saint John	0.5	1.4
Quebec City	0.2	1.1
Montreal	0.2	1.1
Ottawa	0.3	0.5
Toronto	0.2	1.1
Thunder Bay	0.3	0.4
Winnipeg	0.5	1.3
Regina	0.8	2.3
Saskatoon	0.9	4.8
Edmonton	0.7	3.3
Calgary	0.8	2.8
Vancouver	0.5	1.5
Victoria	0.5	0.6
Whitehorse	0.8	2.8
Yellowknife	0.9	3.2
Iqaluit	-0.2	1.4

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